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GREEN JOB CORPS

Interested In Green Jobs Training? Complete On-Line Survey Now

Thanks to Recovery Act funds, youth ages 17-24 who are interested in developing skills and gaining employment in green and eco-friendly industries may be eligible to participate in the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network's Green Job Corps.

The Green Job Corps will serve 125 youth who live in Lomita, Long Beach, Signal Hill, and Torrance. Interested youth should go to www.pacificgatewayworkforce.com, click on the Green Jobs Center logo and complete the survey.

"We are very excited that Recovery Funds are opening up a Green Jobs Career Pathway – a move to our future economy," said Bryan Rogers, Executive Director, Workforce Investment Network. "Training will be in the areas of solar energy, recycling, green building and construction, water-efficient and drought-resistant landscaping, and community supported agricultural opportunities.

Twenty-five at-risk, in-school youth, ages 17-18, will be supported to stay in school and receive Green Job Career Pathway training. One hundred at risk, out-of-school youth, ages 19-24, will receive Green Job Career Pathway training and employment assistance.

Green Job Corps is a community partnership project. Those partnering with the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network include Long Beach Unified School District, John Muir Charter School, LBCC, El Camino College, Conservation Corps of Long Beach, the Long Beach Job Corps Center and the Long Beach Community Action Partnership.

Three partners - Yard Farmers, California Western Arborists, and Los Angeles County Community Development Commission - are providing job training in drought-tolerant landscaping and community supported agriculture, as well as community service projects.

The California Green Jobs Corps grant was awarded by the California State Governor's Office to the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Board and its partners on July 7, 2009. Funding was made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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